2

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1, 5-16 and 18.

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

Please add new Claims 19-24.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated July 1, 2004, the Examiner states that Claims 1, 5-16 and 18 are pending, Claims 1, 5-8 and 18 are rejected and Claims 9-16 are withdrawn from consideration. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the specification and the claims.

On June 16, 2004, the Examiner sent to Applicant's attorney proposed amendments that would place the application in condition for allowance. The Applicant has decided to adopt those proposed amendments, and presents those herewith.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for her efforts and help in forwarding the prosecution of the application.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

December 30, 2004

Date

Attorney for Applicant Brian W. Hameder c/o Ladas & Parry LLP

224 South Michigan Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60604

(312) 427-1300 Reg. No. 45613